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SUBJECT: TURKEY: SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS WORKING
GROUP PARTICIPATION

REF: A. STATE 289393

[B](#). STATE 302659

[C](#). STATE 306482

[1](#). (U) As part of Embassy Ankara's ongoing efforts to focus GOT officials on trafficking in persons (TIP), we discussed the talking points contained in reftels A, B and C, and particularly the agenda described in reftel B, with Head of Illegal Migration Hayati Soysal. A member of the GOT's National Task Force to Combat Trafficking, Soysal is the MFA's designated representative regarding this issue.

[2](#). (U) Soysal is not aware that the GOT MOJ (Ministry of Justice) received an invitation to attend the December 11-12 meeting in SaM (Serbia and Montenegro), but confirmed that he would send copies of the talking points to the MOJ. Although acknowledging the importance of this meeting to Turkey's TIP efforts, Soysal said end of year GOT fiscal constraints would likely prevent Turkey from sending a prosecutor to this meeting. He was certain that an Embassy notetaker would be present at the meeting. Soysal noted the National Task Force does not have its own budget, but relies on the willingness of Task Force members from various ministries to support its programs.

[3](#). (U) We will continue to encourage GOT officials to name a prosecutor who is able to attend the December 11-12 meeting in SaM before EUR/ACE's November 18 deadline.
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